

March 30, 2016 PAYSON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Moore; Council member Linda Carter, Mike Hardy, Brian Hulet, Scott Phillips and Doug Welton; City Manager Dave Tuckett; Finance Director Sara Hubbs; and City Attorney Mark Sorenson.

Meeting began at 6:00 pm.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Prayer offered by Councilmember Hardy; Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Welton said he was glad to see the turnout and stated that he would like to bring government closer to the citizens. He encouraged citizens to talk about items and have open discussions to find solutions to the problems.

Councilmember Carter welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She reminded the citizens to keep in mind that sometimes things are out of the council's control, but they are doing their best.

Councilmember Hulet thanked the citizens for attending and encouraged them to invite their friends to attend as well. He talked about his caucus and what really matters is being involved in the city. He asked citizens to bring solutions to them in addition to their concerns and questions.

Mayor Moore said that he has been on a committee that would like to do a poverty simulation and encouraged citizens to watch for that. He said that he has been working with UVU to get them to Payson. He said he has been working closely with President Holland and was invited to an appreciation dinner last week. He presented a video clip of President Holland's speech. Mayor Moore said that he had been working with UVU since he first started as Mayor. He said he is excited for UVU's announcement about their expansion and he stated big changes are coming to Payson.

John Drummond asked what the timeline is on getting a light. Mayor Moore said that the state said there should be a light installed in the fall. Mr. Drummond thanked the police officers for trying to slow down traffic. Mayor Moore stated the past few accidents have been freak accidents. He also asked everyone to remember the first responders because these accidents also affect them.

Jason Eddie said that he would like to see the city get curb-side recycling. Mayor Moore said that the recycling issue will be on the agenda for the city council meeting on April 6th.

Bill Gronberg said that he is concerned about stop signs and asked how much it would cost to place stop signs at the intersections. Streets Superintendent Kent Fowden said that it would cost about \$1,000 to \$1,200 per intersection. Mr. Gronberg asked what would it take to get a stop sign installed and who makes the decision. Chief Bishop said that he has about 15 areas that they are looking at to install stop signs. Mr. Gronberg said that the road that the child was hit on is now a magnet for the children because it has been paved. He said he observes people on that corner and 90% of the traffic is heading north or south. He said the mindset is that those who are traveling north and south have the right of way. Mayor Moore said that the city had a study done and it was presented to council a couple years ago, but the council decided they didn't have enough money to fund the plan. Councilmember Hulet asked if there is a formal way for citizens to petition about putting in stop signs. Mr. Fowden said that citizens can come

into the city office and feel out a work order and Mr. Fowden will give it to the police department, who will then do a study and determine the need for the stop sign.

Coarlee Wilson expressed concern about the Payson Main Street UDOT expansion. She stated that there are so many people that do not know what is going on. Ms. Wilson said that someone at the state said that the people of Payson are not interested in the interchange. Ms. Wilson said that Elizabeth from UDOT said that the interchange is going to 1st South. Councilmember Hardy said that UDOT has come up with 4 final solutions and one of them would affect the east side. Councilmember Hardy said that option is the last preferred option for the council.

Councilmember Hulet said that UDOT had 2 open houses and the open houses were some of the most highly attended open houses. He also said that there have been work group meetings and they have communicated with UDOT a lot. The council and Mayor asked Coralee to get all of the documentation to them, so they can review the information and talk about the documentation during the next council meeting. Mayor Moore said that he feels that widening Main Street is the least supported option and he will fight against it.

Josh Huntsman also addressed the need for stop signs. He said he has done a lot of research in regards to controlled and uncontrolled intersections. He said he wants to talk about the benefits about having a uniform policy in regards to controlled intersections. He said that the uniform policies will also affect the crime rate and help pedestrians to feel safer as well. He said that even though science shows that stop signs aren't needed sometimes philosophically there is a need for stop signs. He said Payson is too big now to not have controlled intersections. He offered his services and expertise to try and bring more scientific backing to the philosophies. He said a lot of the time best practices are based on historical moments instead of looking forward. He would like to help bring current and best practices to Payson City.

Rick Baxter said that he would like to resurface the city-owned portion of Main Street and asked if the city had any plans to resurface the road. Mr. Jockumsen said to go from 100 North to Memorial park would cost about 2 Million. Councilmember Phillips said that it is concrete underneath from 800 south and north. Mayor Moore said that it has been looked at since he has been in office, but there just aren't enough funds to repair it. Mayor Moore said that ULS may have plans to come down Main Street, so they are waiting to see what happens with that.

Mr. Baxter asked council if they would be willing to sell property on the dry creek trail to the home owners. Mr. Jockumsen said that if they get too close to the channel then they would have issues with stream alteration. He also asked about economic development and what businesses the city is trying to get to come to Payson. Mayor Moore said that he has been working with one potential business, but due to privacy issues they can't talk about it. Councilmember Phillips said that the city also has trouble attracting businesses because the workforce travels north.

Councilmember Welton said that he felt that this meeting would be more beneficial if the council could mingle more and talk one on one with the citizens.

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Tim Farrons asked Councilmember Carter why this turnout was so much better than the normal council meeting. The attendees said that it was because it came through on a text. He said that he lives on the Salem canal road and 12th east and a lot of neighbors have complained about the smell of the sewer line. Jeff Hiat said that he agrees it stinks and he has put some solid man holes on it. Mr. Farrons asked if there is a low cost solution. Councilmember Phillips said that he would like to see that area investigated. City Manager Tuckett said that they can ask their consultant if there are any solutions.

Jim Mortensen stated his concern is water issues. He asked if the Beer canyon spring had been abandoned, has it been utilized, and has it been cleaned. He stated that his other concern is irrigation water. He said that Payson owns Spring Lake water from April 1 – October 30th. He asked why don't we let the water flow into a much larger pipe and let it flow into the system. Mayor Moore said that in the agreement it states that they can only go to a certain level and they pump out a certain amount and pump it directly into the upper zone system. Mr. Mortensen said that he has heard about meters and said that the city needs to use their water first. Water superintendent Brent Arns said that they are filling the ponds and the date the water is released depends on the weather. Mayor Moore said that SUVMWA is looking at doing a recharge. Mr. Mortensen suggested the city put a big pipe by Bigler Bridge and feed it into the ponds. He thanked Councilmember Phillips for helping with the snow removal.

Brittany Hansen encouraged the city to send out texts to the citizens and utilize social media. She also said that she would like to see more community outreach. She said that she would be willing to help and volunteer for any city needs.

Tara Mechan said that in the middle of town there is some dirt and asked if there is a possibility to develop that. Mayor Moore said that he has fought with Woodbury on this issue and he said that they don't follow through with their promises. Mayor Moore said that they looked at it previously and it was estimated to cost around \$100,000 to install grass and then the costs to maintain and water.

Noreen Jensen said that she participated in the community emergency response team and thanked those involved in that program. She said that she would like to see the historic downtown main street committee reinstated. She mentioned that there used be Christmas decorations all the way down Main Street, but they stopped at 1st north and she would like to see decorations down to 1st south. She also asked about the Mayor's literacy program. Mayor Moore said that program did not succeed, so he has moved to other programs.

Katrina Ellis said that she is worried about her son with special medical needs and she is worried about her son getting hit on her street which is 300 south and 760 east. Mayor Moore said that he will see if the police department can put the trailer up there and patrol the area.

Burtis Bills acknowledged the Parks department and all of the hard work that they have put into beautifying the parks. He said that Payson should be a part of the Tree City USA organization. He talked about the electrical department and High Line Canal Company. He asked what the cost of the audit for the electrical study was. Mr. Tuckett said that they have not received that bill yet. Mr. Bills said that Payson's electric director is one of the finest and thought it was a slap in the face to hire someone from

another organization to perform an audit. He asked if Payson City is looking to sell the Electrical Department. Mayor Moore said they have never wanted to sell, but have wanted to combine resources with SESD. He expressed concerns about a dying company wanting to keep in the business by using Payson. Councilmember Phillips stated his goal is to provide competitive rates to the residents of Payson.

Mr. Bills said he is concerned about Highline wanting to manage Payson's water system. He stated that he feels Payson City needs to do what is best for Payson City. He expressed concern about curb and gutter and suggested to use special improvement districts to fund projects. He also said that ordinances need to be adopted for established neighborhoods. He said that his neighborhood is about 70% rentals and would like to see the city adopt ordinances that encourage home ownership. Mayor Moore said that if the Special Improvement Districts are 70% rentals then it will be a problem getting it to pass. Mr. Bills said that he would like to stop talking about it and see it put on the ballot.

Councilmember Phillips suggested that the next fifth Wednesday meeting, the council and staff could be set up in groups that could meet with the individuals and try to create committees to help get things done.

Carol Norman asked if it has been considered to put a new belt loop route. She asked if that belt loop was in conjunction with the new interchange. Mayor Moore said that it wasn't. She asked if the new location of UVU would be tied into the new interchange and belt loop. Mayor Moore said that the location of UVU hasn't been decided. She asked if portable speed bumps would be an option. Mayor Moore said that with the traffic study presented a few years ago a lot of these options were discussed.

Councilmember Hulet thanked all the attendees for coming and thanked the city staff.

Motion by Councilmember Phillips to adjourn to closed session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hardy. Motion carried.

Closed Session started at 8:20

Motion by Councilmember Hardy to move back into city council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Hardy to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32